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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 May 2004.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 5-13, 16 and 20-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 5-13, 16 and 20-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some *
 - c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claim 20 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 20 recites the limitation "the means for attaching the outer pouches to the housing" in line 2. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Outer pouches are set forth in claim 6.

2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claims 5, 7-13 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kohn in view of Siegel, both of record and Bird.

Applicant's main argument is that pouches are releasably attached to at least three of the inner sides of the insert container. Kohn discloses a purse insert with a bottom and at least four sides. Siegel teaches the provision of removable pouches in the inner sides of a purse insert with either snaps or hook and loop material as claimed. To have provided the insert of Kohn with snaps or hook and loop material to receive removable pouches for organizing the contents would have been obvious in view of such teaching by Siegel. Moreover to have provided such attaching means on all inner sides of the insert to receive additional pouches would have been obvious in view of such teaching by Bird. Such an arrangement would permit the inclusion of additional pouches and involve at least four sides in the insert of Kohn.

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3. Claims 6 and 20, insofar as it is definite, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the references as applied to claim 5 above, and further in view of Cantor, of record.

To have provided pouches which are secured to the exterior of the housing to prevent theft or injury from attempted theft would have been obvious in view of such teaching by Cantor at 24.

4. Claims 21 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the references as applied to claims 5 and 11 above, and further in view of Murphy.

To have provided the insert with additional walls defining partitions to form additional compartments would have been obvious in view of Murphy, teaching an insert (22) for a handbag with partitions defining a plurality of compartments for receiving a plurality of containers to organize the contents.

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 5 and 11 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claims 1-13, 16 and 20-22 have been rejected while claims 1-4, 14, 15, and 17-19 have been canceled.

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Oswalt and Allen teach removable attachments to at least three walls in bags. Mastronardo and Giampolo teach insert with partitions defining a plurality of walls in bags. Lamphier shows a bag with detachable containers received on a plurality of insert walls.

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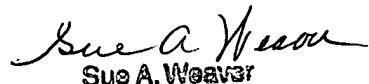
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8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sue A. Weaver whose telephone number is (703) 308-1186. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday.

— The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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